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The Illinois State Medical Board - Complaint Committee convened an open meeting via WebEx at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. It was not practical or prudent to meet in-person due to the COVID-19 disaster.

The following members were present for the meeting:

Sreenivas G. Reddy, MD, Chair
Maria Laporta, MD, Vice Chair
Philip Dray, MD, Member
Darren D. Hancock, DC, Member
Peter Hofmann, MD, Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Karen O'Mara, DO, Member
Umang S. Patel, MD, Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator
John Zander, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Joseph Fojtik, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Ted Adams, Chief of Investigations
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison
Brandon Thom, Chief of Business Prosecutions
Vaughn Bentley, Associate General Counsel
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

OPENING STATEMENT

Dr. Reddy read the following opening statement: *This meeting is being conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members because the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns and an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster described in that declaration. This meeting is further being conducted by audio or videoconference because the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has determined pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a disaster. All votes will be conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.*

OPEN MINUTES - Complaint Committee

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Hofmann/Ms. Moellering) to approve the open session minutes for the Complaint Committee meeting on February 2, 2022. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Goyal, Mr. Marion, Mr. Thom; Nays: None. The motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Hofmann/Dr. Laporta) to enter closed session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Goyal, Mr. Marion, Mr. Thom; Nays: None. The motion passed and the session closed at 7:33 a.m.

The closed session meeting of the Complaint Committee included review and recommendations for closed session minutes, 17 complaints, and 9 mandatory reports.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Reddy/Dr. Dray) to reconvene the open session meeting of the Complaint Committee. The motion passed by a voice vote and the session opened at 8:20 a.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS - Complaint Committee

Mr. Robertson reported that Complaint Committee made the following recommendations in closed session:

Close 9 complaints; Refer 8 complaints for prosecution; Close 6 complaints, Refer 3 mandatory reports for prosecution; and Approve closed minutes from the February 2, 2022 Complaint Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION

A discussion was held about the amount of time board members have to review materials in advance of business meetings. It was discussed whether the relevant materials could be provided at least 10 days in advance of the meetings to include 2 weekends. Dr. Goyal offered background information about the logistics of conducting two board meetings per month. Mr. Thom provided background with respect to the board materials from Prosecutions, i.e., consent orders, non-disciplinary orders, and CCTs. Upon discussion, it was determined that the approach would be to provide the materials at least 1 week prior to the business meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Complaint Committee, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Hofmann) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.